

SENATOR DWORAK: Just very briefly, I personally have no objection to the Schmit amendment but for the Schmit amendment to mean anything, the word "hunt" is not adequate. You must have something more specific such as "to shoot or attempt to shoot". It's amended to do that. If you adopt my amendment I'd have no objection to the Schmit amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, the question is the adoption of the Dworak amendment to the Schmit amendment. It will require a majority of those voting. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 16 (sic.) nays on the Dworak amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Dworak amendment is adopted. We are now speaking to the Schmit amendment. Any others wishing to speak to the Schmit amendment? Senator Dworak, did you want to...? All right, Senator Schmit, do you want to close on your amendment as amended?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no particular closing, Mr. President, except that with the adoption...

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I always speak anyway. I'll think of something to say. But with the Dworak amendment to my amendment, now you have made it illegal to use aircraft even with the permit system that you're proposing in the State of Nebraska. So you have taken the hunting of coyotes by aircraft for any purpose, no matter how serious it might be, out of the prerogative of those individuals who might want to use it. It's not going to be a bad thing politically because there aren't probably a dozen guys in the whole state who do it so it isn't going to hurt anyone and it may some day or other cause a little problem in the areas where they have a real difficult problem with coyotes, but I think that it's a question of what you want to do. Whether you want to respond to the needs of the people. I know that Senator Dworak says there's a problem in some areas. It's an agricultural bill. I just want to point out that there are many areas of Nebraska that are agricultural in nature. Senator Dworak says he wouldn't mind if they hunted coyotes forty miles from his farm and I agree with him. I'd like to also say that on that farm I keep livestock and the same coyote hunters who travel that territory have always shown respect for the livestock that I have there even though I am forty miles away, so I have no quarrel there. Again, I regret very much that there are some areas where you find a poor sportsman who will unnecessarily harass the farmer. I don't think I have to stand here and apologize for efforts in behalf of agriculture. But I think you're not going to solve the problem in this manner. I'd have to oppose my amendment as it is amended and ask you to vote against it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, that was Senator Schmit's closing so the motion is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 216. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. All right, have you all voted? Senator Schmit is leaving so report the vote.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Schmit amendment.